

CITY OF LAKE FOREST *California*



JANUARY NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

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Civic Center Update - Foundation Poured

Nearly 40 concrete trucks streamed into Lake Forest on December 13, as the City laid the foundation for its first permanent Civic Center, the community's "100-Year Home." Trucks arrived every five minutes during the five-hour operation, dumping concrete into a pump with a towering, 118-foot boom that moved the concrete onto what will be a 19,500-square-foot parking structure, where more than a dozen concrete masons were on hand to finish the material properly. The Civic Center is expected to open in mid-2019. Find out the latest updates and more at lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter.



Public Input Sought on Park Renovations

As part of its Neighborhood Improvement Plan, the City of Lake Forest is hosting community workshops to discuss potential renovations for 10 City parks. RJM Design Group will facilitate the community outreach workshops to solicit ideas and input from the public. This information will help develop conceptual ideas for the parks that will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in April 2018 and the City Council in May 2018. Once City Council approves the conceptual plans, RJM will complete the final plans and the construction process will begin.

The workshops are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Sports Park on the following dates:

- February 5: Borrego Overlook Park, Regency Park and Vintage Park
- February 7: Montbury Park, Peachwood Park, Rancho Serrano Park and Sundowner Park
- February 8: Cherry Park, Darrin Park and Pebble Creek Park

Can't attend a meeting? The meetings will be live streamed via Facebook live on the [City's Facebook page](#) where you can ask questions directly or you can submit your comments through the survey link below!

Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan

Community Emergency Preparedness Academy

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 - Wednesday, April 7, 2018 (six consecutive Wednesdays)

Location: Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Residents are invited to participate in the 13th Annual Community Emergency Preparedness Academy (C.E.P.A.), a joint effort between the City of Lake Forest, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Orange County Fire Authority and Doctor's Ambulance. This six-week program provides instruction in earthquake preparedness, threat assessment, fire safety, disaster medical operations, CPR/AED certification and principles of light search and rescue. Please contact Sharlyn de la Paz at sdelapaz@lakeforestca.gov or 282-5215 to enroll for the program or if you have any additional questions. Program space is limited so please enroll soon.

Child Exploitation and Internet Safety

Wednesday, January 24

6:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Presented by the Orange County Child Exploitation Task Force, this workshop will increase your awareness and knowledge about internet safety and security for your family and children. Learn about:

- The basics of online predators
- How predators groom your child
- What it means when "location services" is on
- Who has contacted your child
- Recent cases from the Orange County area

Due to the Mature Nature of this presentation, this event is for adults only. Seating is first come first serve.



It's Easy to Be Green - Essay Contest

Deadline: Monday, May 7, 2018

Do you have a passion for sustainability? The City of Lake Forest makes every effort to protect the environment for residents and future generations. Share a story with us on how you reduce,



reuse, and recycle by submitting an article in 300 words or less to shunter@lakeforestca.gov.

Article topics can be about anything you do to maintain or improve the environment. Selected articles will be published in future editions of The Leaflet and win goodies to help reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Reduce Reuse, Recycle Tips Contest

Deadline: Monday, March 5, 2018

Sustainability efforts are best when shared! Tell us how you reduce, reuse, and recycle by emailing your tips to shunter@lakeforestca.gov or sharing them with us online at facebook.com/lakeforestca. Sharing tips and best practices will help show your neighbors how "It's Easy to be Green." Resident-submitted tips will be featured in a future edition of The Leaflet. Three winners will be randomly selected to win an environmentally friendly prize!

Fourth of July Logo Design Contest

If you have a creative and patriotic design for the City's Fourth of July parade, send a high resolution JPEG of your original artwork to tjohnson@lakeforestca.gov to enter the logo contest. This year's theme is "United We Stand." The winner will have their logo featured on all Fourth of July parade advertising and will be a VIP at this year's parade. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, January 31 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Tiana Johnson at 273-6974.



Fourth of July Parade Committee

Help shape the 27th annual Fourth of July parade by joining the Parade Committee! The first meeting will be held on Monday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, email tjohnson@lakeforestca.gov.



Save the Date: State of the City and Meet the Mayor

Winter 2018

The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and the City are co-hosting the annual State of the City and Meet the Mayor. The event will provide updates on the City's major development projects, as well as share resources for Lake Forest businesses. Attendees will enjoy a catered dinner, desserts, live music, prizes, and networking opportunities. The date and ticket prices will be available at lakeforestcachamber.com in the next few weeks.

2018 Lake Forest Community Calendars

Pick up your free 2018 Lake Forest Community Calendar at City Hall or at the Sports Park and Recreation Center. This year's theme is "Hidden Gems of Lake Forest."



Fair Housing Tenant Workshop

Wednesday, January 22

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

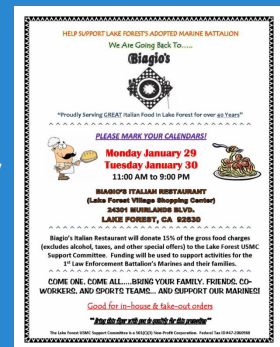
The Fair Housing Council of Orange County and the City of Lake Forest invite you to attend a Fair Housing Tenant Workshop. Learn essential information and get answers to questions related to fair housing laws and landlord/tenant issues. For more information, please visit www.fairhousingoc.org.



Three Ways to Support the Lake Forest Adopted Marines

The Support Committee is kicking off the New Year with opportunities to support the Lake Forest U.S.M.C 1st Law Enforcement Battalion. Here is how you can help:

- Eat at Biagio's Restaurant (24301 Muirlands Blvd.) on Monday, January 29 or Tuesday, January 30, where 15% of food charges will go to support the marines and their families.
- Send a Marine and/or family member to SnowFest on Saturday, January 27 with a \$7.00 donation.
- Donate funds towards a catered pasta dinner for Marines completing a training exercise.



Please give positive consideration to making a tax deductible donation to the LF USMC Support Committee and mail it to:

Lake Forest USMC Support Committee
22365 El Toro Road #302
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Lake Forest Lights 1st Place Winner: Winter Wonderland

Congratulations to the Olson Family! Thank you to everyone who participated in the inaugural Lake Forest Lights Contest. Follow us on Facebook @lakeforestca for details on how to enter next year.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session starts at 6:30 p.m. Full agendas and City Council Previews providing an overview of each agenda item can be accessed [here](#). The meetings are also live streamed online.

- Tuesday, January 16, 2018
- Tuesday, February 6, 2018
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2018

To Register: Visit [Lake Forest Recreation](#), mail or hand-deliver the Lake Forest Activities Registration Form to City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or to the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, call 461-3450 or 273-6960.

Advisory Committee for Teens (A.C.T.)

Thursday, January 25

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Attention all teenagers! Make a difference in the community by joining the Advisory Committee for Teens. Get real world experience and service hours for college by planning activities and excursions, volunteering at City events, and serving as a voice in your community. The committee meets twice a month and is a year-long commitment volunteer group that requires teens to attend a meeting and go through an application process. For more information, call 273-6975 or email agallardo@lakeforestca.gov.

"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights (Movie Night)

Friday, January 26

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$5 per person pre-registered and \$7 per person at the door

Give your parents the night off and enjoy good times with friends. There will be video games, dinner and snacks, movie screenings, music, activities, prize raffles, and surprise guest entertainers! Grab your friends and pre-register to receive a discount.

SnowFest

Saturday, January 27

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Event Location: Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Dr.)

Fee: \$7 per sledder - **Cash only pre-sale**



Bring your family and friends to our annual winter event, SnowFest, featuring snow laden slopes, snow play area, and guest appearances from visitors from a galaxy far-far- away! Food and drinks

will be available for a nominal fee. **Pre-registration is mandatory. Tickets are sold out by the time of the event.**

Happy Trails Dinner Dance

Friday, February 9

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$10 per person



Saddle-up and mosey on over to the Clubhouse Corral where DJ Michael McNeil will provide tunes and songs to boot scoot around the dance floor. Come along and join us for a knee-slappin good time and enjoy some tasty grub too. Space is limited, so make your reservations early!

Viejas Casino & Outlet Center - Excursion

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$10 per person



Take in the slots and cards at Viejas casino and play all of your favorites like Wheel of Fortune, Megabucks, Pot O' Gold, Blackjack, and more. For those who want to break up the day, take a short walk across the drive way to the Outlet Center where you can shop at Eddie Bauer and many more stores.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

NOTE: Council Wrap-Ups are a summary of meeting topics and events provided by the Management Services Department as a public service. This wrap-up is not an official record of Council action. The official record is posted by the City Clerk at www.lakeforestca.gov/129/Agendas as soon as possible after the meeting.

December 5, 2017

[APPROVAL OF MEASURE M2 EXPENDITURE REPORT \(Agenda Item No. 7\)](#)

Measure M2 is a renewed ½ cent sales tax approved by voters in 2006 to fund transportation improvement projects throughout the County. Each year the City of Lake Forest reports its expenditures using M2 funds, as required by the legislation. In Fiscal Year 2016-17, the City spent \$1,640,219 on street repaving and slurry seal projects, \$198,356 on the Water Quality Program, \$82,098 on the Senior Mobility Program, and \$21,384 on the Project V community Based transit/Circulators Program. Upon reviewing the expenditures and finding them to be in compliance, the City Council voted unanimously to approve the report and authorized staff to forward information to the Orange County Transportation Authority, as required by law.

December 19, 2017

[INAUGURAL "LAKE FOREST LIGHTS" HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST \(Agenda Item No. 3\)](#)

The "Lake Forest Lights" holiday lighting contest launched in November 2017 encouraging residents to share photos of their decorated homes on Facebook, fostering community pride and interaction through the City's Facebook page. The City compiled a map of all the entries for residents and visitors to tour. The contest was promoted on the City's social media channels, The Leaflet, and the City's e-newsletter. The winner of the contest was determined by the number of "Likes" a photo received through a contest page on the City's Facebook page. The City received thirteen entries and more than 450 "Likes" on social media. Entries included a gingerbread house, "winter wonderland," and even a tribute to Rankin Bass, the production company behind "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and similarly animated holiday classics. The City Council recognized the winner of the contest with the most "Likes," Mr. Brian Olson, with a yard sign proclaiming him the winner of the 2017 "Lake Forest Lights" contest.

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